16. ARNEHIA BENTHAMIL (Wall. ex. G. Don Johnston (Boaginaceae)

Bentham's "Prophet Flower"

Scattered populations in the Western Himalaya vulnerable due to exploitation for its medicinal roots.

Bomb blast on rail track in Moradabad

@1028. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bomb blast took place on the rail track in Moradabad on June 11, 1987;

(b) whether investigations were made into the matter; and

(c) if so, what are the results of those investigations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Firing by Bangladesh Rifles on Indian citizens

1029. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Bangladesh Rifles opened fire on Indian citizens on 1st June, 1987 in the Sabroom Sub-Division of South Tripura district in Tripura, on the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to take up the matter with the Bangladesh Government so that similar incidents may not happen in future; and

(c) what measure Government have taken for the security of Indian citizen on the Indo-Bangladesh border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) It is a fact that Bangladesh Rifles opened unprovoked fire on Indian people on 1st June, 1987 from area Bagan Bari of Bangladesh opposite BSF border outpost Chhatak-hil. One woman Smt. Kajaldevi, wife of Shri Motilal of Bijor Nagar, PS Sabroom, Distt. South Tripura was injured as a result of stray bullet.

(b) A strong protest Note has been lodged by BSF with Bangladesh Rifles counter-part against above firing on Indian civilians by BDR. A meeting of sector Commander level has been held by BSF Comdrs. with BDR counter-part on 22 June, 1987 in which the above issue was taken up with BDR.

(c) The frequency of patrolling and night ambush by BSF has been increased. BSF border outposts in the affected area have been strengthened. The Indian border population has also been alerted.

Take-over of closed jute mills

1030. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of jute mills in the country which are lying closed as on 30th June, 1987; and

(b) whether Government propose to take over these mills; if so, by when; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) 21 jute mills were lying closed in the country as on 30th June, 1987 affecting about 76,400 workers.

(b) No Sir. Government are of the view that nationalisation is not the solution for dealing with the problems of the

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